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REPORT

TOPIC 1. Polish Troops and Military Installations in Warsaw
2. Polish Troops in Zawiercie and Bedzin
3. Polish Arms Insignia

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 3 August 1955, a barracks installation which was occupied by Polish AA artillerymen was observed on the west side of ul. Marymoncka in the Borough of Bielany on the northwestern perimeter of Warsaw. In the south, the installation was bounded by the so-called Bielany Forest. A cultural park with stands was located opposite the installation, on the east side of ul. Marymoncka. Hangars were observed northwest of the installation. At the entrance of the installation 2 wooden crossed gun barrels which were painted dark-gray were arranged over the door which was made of wooden laths. The sentry wore an army uniform with red service color and crossed gun-barrel insignia. The billets were single-story brick structures. Single-story wooden barracks joined these structures on the southwest. A shed-like building, about 50 x 40 meters, which had a steel truss roof, was also observed behind the entrance of the installation. Five trucks were parked in front of this building. From 15 to 20 soldiers who wore red service color and artillery insignia were observed at the billets.

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Seven AA guns, 6 covered with canvas, were observed in excavated emplacements in the open terrain just north of the installation, near ul. Marymoncka. An officer and 15 to 18 soldiers who wore red service color were observed at one of the guns the size of which was estimated from a distance at 85 mm. Noise of battle as caused by rifles, submachine guns and machine guns was heard from the area east of ul. Marymoncka. Large building sites where large quantities of building materials were stored were observed in the area northwest of the AAA Barracks. Multi-story buildings were under construction at these sites. A large shed-like building which was also located there was already completed. 1

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2. On 10 August 1955, a barracks installation was observed on the west side of Al. Zwirki i Wigury, between Pecherska and Marynarska, which branched from this street to the east, on the southwestern perimeter of Warsaw. It had 4 entrances on Al. Zwirki i Wigury the northernmost of which was closed and unguarded. Sentries who carried submachine guns and wore army uniforms with red service color stood

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guard at the other entrances. Three four-story buildings where women and children were observed were located along Al. Zwirki i Wigury. They extended from the north to the south. Four single-story brick structures which were apparently storage sheds adjoined these buildings. Three four-story quartering buildings bordered on the area of these structures. Farther to the rear of the barracks area which was surrounded by a wire fence supported by a concrete base there were other four-story buildings some of which were apparently not yet completed. A captain and a senior lieutenant who wore red service color and lightning-shaped arms insignia entered the installation through the northernmost entrance. At noon, almost no other activity was observed in the area of the installation. No motor vehicles or weapons were observed.² On 8 August 1955, another barracks installation which included an undetermined number of old, modernized and new five- to six-story buildings was observed at the intersection of the west side of Al. Zwirki i Wigury and the south side of ul. Nawelska. Sentries who wore blue service color stood guard at the two gates on Al. Zwirki i Wigury. One of the sentries wore a wide white-and-red arm band inscribed KG. Between 1030 and 1430, no activity was observed in the area of the installation. 3

3. On 11 and 12 August 1955, an area which was enclosed in part by a wall and in part by a wire fence and included 3 modernized three-story buildings was observed east of Lazienki Park between Zwolenszow and 29-go Listopada. At the same time, 3 single-story barrack-like structures which adjoined the rear of this area were observed on ul. 29-go Listopada. Polish officers, NCOs, women and children were frequently observed at the windows of the three-story buildings. Several officers wore red service color. Officers leaving these billets went to the barracks area south of ul. 29-go Listopada.⁴ The main gate of the barracks installation which was guarded by army sentries who wore red service color was located on the south side of ul. 29-go Listopada. The installation included old and new buildings. Another entrance which was used by motor vehicles and was equipped with a tollbar was located in the southeastern section of the installation on ul. Suligowskiego, formerly Zwierzynicka. The sentry standing guard at this gate also wore red service color. Twenty-five 2.5-ton trucks were observed from this gate in the area of the installation where about 40 soldiers were also seen. Another 3 gates, one of them for vehicles, were located in the southwestern section of the extensive area of the installation, viz on the north side of ul. Podchorazych. They were guarded by sentries who wore blue service color. Most structures located in this section of the installation were new buildings. Their number and pinpoint location was undetermined. 5

4. On 4 August 1955, troops were observed in the area of the old citadel. Forty trucks [redacted] which were arranged in a line were observed at the intersection of ul. Dyminska and ul.

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Krajewskiego. The vehicles which were of different make were apparently in good condition. They were guarded by an army sentry who wore red service color and arms insignia which included crossed rifles surrounded by a wreath. The entrance of the old fort installations which was located on ul. Dyminska was guarded by a sentry who wore a similar uniform. Numerous enlisted men who wore red service color and various arms insignia were observed at this site. They were unarmed and wore crossed gun-barrel insignia, wheel insignia with a steering wheel and two wings, and cup insignia with a snake. 6 Another old circular fort installation which was also guarded by army sentries wearing red service color was observed south of the citadel, at the stadium of the railroad workers' athletic association (Stadion K. S. Kolejarzy-Polonii). Only few men were observed at this site. 7

5. On 1 August 1955, military billets were observed on the northern side of ul. Rakowiecka and west of ul. Pulawska. The entrances of a barracks installation which extended from ul. Pulawska as far as ul. Skautow were guarded by sentries who wore blue service color and arms insignia which included crossed rifles surrounded by a wreath. Only few men and no weapons were observed at the installation. A new 6-story building which housed offices was located between ul. Skautow and ul. Sokolow. A 5-story building with 2 entrances where military headquarters activities were observed adjoined this building to the west. It was located between ul. Sokolow and Al. Niepodleglosci. From 15 to 20 officers wearing red service color, one of whom was a major, entered or left this building. Several of these officers wore an angular silver facing, about 2 cm wide, on the collars of their blouses. Building sites were located at the rear of this building and west of ul. Sokolow. 8
6. In the afternoon of 2 August 1955, military billets were observed in the area bounded by Koszykowa, Al. Niepodleglosci, Al. Wyzwolenia and ul. Krzywickiego (formerly Sucha). Two entrances on Al. Niepodleglosci were guarded by sentries who wore red service color. Another two entrances were located on Al. Wyzwolenia. The eastern of these two entrances was guarded by sentries with fixed bayonets; the western was guarded by 4 sentries who wore green service color.⁹ A five-story building with a loading ramp at which truck [redacted] was parked was located beside the western entrance. It was apparently a storage shed. A military hospital the entrances of which were guarded by sentries wearing red service color was located just southeast of the military billets at the intersection of the east side of Al. Niepodleglosci and the south side of Al. Wyzwolenia. From 80 to 90 patients, some wearing blue hospital overcoats and some uniforms, moved about the area of the hospital.¹⁰

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7. On 6 August 1955, a heavily guarded military installation was observed in the Powazki Bourough, west of the cemetery. It was bounded by ul.Ostrozoga in the east, ul. Wawrzyszewska in the south, and the railroad line in the northwest. Three lines of barbed wire which were topped by another wire with insulators were arranged on a surrounding wall which was about 2 meters high. On 4 locations, watchtowers which were open on all sides and were occupied by sentries wearing red service color projected over the wall. Sentries who wore similar uniforms stood guard at the entrance on ul.Ostrozoga. Truck [redacted] which was occupied by 7 soldiers all of whom wore red service color, entered the installation. A captain with motor transport insignia, 3 senior lieutenants with crossed-rifle insignia, and an undetermined number of other officers, all wearing red service color, were also observed at the site. Shed-like buildings with steel truss roofs were observed in the northeastern corner of the installation. 11

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8. On 15 August 1955, a barracks installation which included 9 single-story brick structures and other buildings was observed about 250 meters northeast of the Zawiercie (4 51/Y 89) railroad station on the Czestochowa - Stalinogrod railroad line and just on a highroad. Polish soldiers who wore red service color were observed on this highroad near the installation. At the same date, an old two-story building which was guarded by sentries wearing red service color was observed about 150 meters northeast of the Bedzin Miasto (4 51/Y 67) railroad station. Other soldiers were observed at the windows of the building.

9. From 1 to 15 August 1955, arms insignia which were worn on the collar patches were observed on Polish soldiers in Warsaw. They included crossed-rifle insignia surrounded by a wreath which were observed on soldiers wearing red, green and blue service color; crossed-rifle insignia with a flame-like device between the rifle barrels which were observed in the streets only on soldiers wearing red service color; crossed gun-barrel insignia which were observed on soldiers wearing red service color; small tank insignia which were observed on soldiers in the streets who wore red, yellow and blue service color; two-wheel insignia with steering rod, steering wheel and 2 wings which were observed on soldiers wearing red service color; propeller insignia which were observed on soldiers wearing light-blue service color; stalk-of-wheat insignia with capital letter "A" which were observed on soldiers in the streets who wore red service color; escutcheon insignia with crossed sabres below which were observed on soldiers in the streets who wore red service color; insignia consisting of capital letter "K" within a circle with 2 stylized wings with 4 feathers each projecting from the top thereof which were observed on soldiers in the streets who wore red service color; sword insignia with overlying leaves which was observed on soldiers in the streets who wore red service color. Not all

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soldiers wore arms insignia on their collar patches. At one time, 2 soldiers wore red epaulets which mounted two connected capital letter "K's" in a white circle. Most soldiers observed during the time of information wore red service color. Men wearing yellow service color were occasionally observed in the streets. Other service colors observed included blue, light-blue, green and violet or blue violet. Decorations were worn on the left breast, while athletic badges, etc., were worn on the right breast. 12

1. Comment. The present report confirms previous information on the occupation by an AAA unit of the barracks installation in Bielany. 25X1
2. Comment. It is believed that this barracks installation on the west side of Al. Zwirki i Wigury which has been constructed as late as 1951 or 1952 quarters a signal regiment. 25X1
3. Comment. possibly air force billets. White-and-red arm bands are worn by personnel assigned to duty in barracks. 25X1
4. Comment. The present report clearly establishes that these known billets are exclusively used as apartment buildings. 25X1
5. Comment. An AAA unit and security troops (KBs) are carried in the known barracks installation on the eastern edge of Lazienki Park. 25X1
6. Comment. No recent reports indicate the present use of the old citadel. A previous report dating from 1951 has mentioned a signal depot in this area. The presence of numerous enlisted men wearing different service color tends to indicate that the installation houses several units or supply installations. The situation is still undetermined. 25X1
7. Comment. presumably Fort Traugutta. Previous information indicates that this installation has housed ration supply depots and other depots. 25X1
8. Comment. Some of the present statements confirm previous information on the occupation of the installations on the north side of ul. Rakowiecka. It is undetermined, however, whether or not these billets still quarter, besides the KB (Internal Security) units, a cadet school which has been previously reported from this site, or what headquarters is located between ul. Sokolow and Al. Niepodleglosci 25X1
9. Comment. The Ministry of National Defense is known in this installation. 25X1


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
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
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10.  Comment. The present report confirms previous information.

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11.  Comment. The military installation in Powazki houses a large fuel depot.

12.  Comment. In so far as they are already known, the arms insignia and service colors which are mentioned in the present report agree with previous information.

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